



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.T.E. 06-63

August 1, 2006

Petition of Commonwealth Electric Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94A and 220 C.M.R. § 8.00 et seq., for approval of amended power purchase agreements between Commonwealth Electric Company and SEMASS Partnership.

On July 7, 2006, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94A and 220 C.M.R. § 8.00 et seq., Commonwealth Electric Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric ("NSTAR" or "Company") filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") a petition for approval of a series of related agreements between NSTAR and SEMASS Partnership ("SEMASS"). The agreements will settle a dispute between NSTAR and SEMASS regarding the applicable pricing in two existing power purchase agreements. The agreements include a Settlement Agreement and amendments to the two existing power purchase agreements. The Settlement and the amendments are collectively referred to as the "Agreements."

The Department will examine issues including, but not limited to, whether the Agreements are reasonable, in the public interest and consistent with the Company's approved restructuring plan.

The Department will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, August 29, 2006** at 2:00p.m. at the Department's office's, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts. The public hearing will be immediately followed by a procedural conference. Any person who desires to comment may do so at the public hearing or submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, August 25, 2006**.

Any person seeking to intervene or to participate in this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, August 25, 2006**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

An original and five (5) copies of all written comments or petitions to intervene must be filed with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy - One South Station - 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 not later than the close of business on **Friday, August 25, 2006**. One copy of all written comments or petitions to intervene should also be sent to NSTAR's attorney, David S. Rosenzweig, Esq., Keegan Werlin LLP, 265 Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

All written pleadings or comments should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and john.j.keene@state.ma.us, or (2) on a 3.5" disk, in IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) an easily identifiable case caption (2) the docket number of the proceeding (D.T.E. 06-63), (3) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (4) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be created in either Corel WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, or as an Adobe-compatible PDF file. Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. Documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's web site: <http://www.mass.gov/dte>.

The Company's filings may be inspected at the Department's offices during normal business hours (Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Copies are also on file for public view at Commonwealth Electric Company, One NSTAR Way, Westwood, Massachusetts 02090. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact NSTAR's attorney, David S. Rosenzweig at 617-951-1400. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact John J. Keene, Jr., Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, 617-305-3500.